

Blood Bank 'Defers' Gay Men

By JAMES K. GRAHAM

"Male homosexual" is the first in a list of eight conditions to which a yes response by a potential blood donor will result in "indefinite deferral" of blood donation at the Sacramento Medical Foundation Blood Bank, effective Feb. 24.

Vincent Caggiano, MD, the blood bank's scientific director, announced the new policy at a press conference Feb. 23.

The other conditions which will bar a person from giving blood are "Haitian immigrant or resident, intravenous drug user, unexplained fever, heavy night sweats, unexpected loss of 10 pounds or more in a short time,



Dr. Vincent Caggiano

lymph node enlargement, Kaposi's Sarcoma, intimate contact or exposure to an AIDS patient."

Prospective donors will be given a

letter from Dr. Caggiano along with the usual informative materials when they register at the blood bank. The letter asks the donor to answer yes or no to the conditions as a group, not one by one.

Dr. Caggiano explained that this was done because the blood bank "specifically wants to avoid asking people's sexual preference."

Rod Johnson, Administrative Director of the blood bank, told The Star, "It is our policy not to ask people their sexual preference, and to my knowledge this is never done. If anyone is asked, they should immediately ask to speak to a supervisor or to me, or make a report by telephone if they wish to remain anonymous."

Dr. Caggiano and other blood bank officials took pains to emphasize that the policy change was "not a gay decision, it was a health decision."

"In evaluating public health issues," he said, "individual prejudices, political considerations, and moral beliefs must be disregarded in order to objectively assess the facts."

"I believe that the failure to eliminate blood donation from the high risk groups would increase the risk of transfusion-associated AIDS."

Dr. Caggiano admitted that "the AIDS-hemophilia link is only circumstantial, but the weight of the evidence," he said, "is so strong that we

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Assembly Panel Passes AB-1 7 to 5

By TIM WARFORD

The Agnos gay employment rights bill cleared its first legislative hurdle Feb. 22 when it was passed out of the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee, 7-5.

AB-1 makes it illegal for employers to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

"Gays have the right to earn a living and deserve protection from discrimination on the job," said Assemblyman Art Agnos (D-San Francisco), the bill's author.

"This bill simply allows people to work without facing discrimination for doing something which is entirely legal in their own home," he continued.

Agnos told the committee that if the Legislature does not pass AB-1 "we ought to create a new category of welfare called 'aid to homosexuals'" for those who have lost their jobs because of sexual orientation discrimination.

Rabbi Lester Frazen of Congregation B'nai Israel told the committee that he has employed gay people as religious school teachers and in other areas and was pleased with their performance on the job.

"I have no reluctance having them involved with my children," he said.

"In a diverse culture, diversity should be cherished, not chastised," Frazen said.

Gerald LaFever, a supervising specialist for the Department of Health Services, told the panel about the problems he faced when his supervisor at a state prison where he was employed found out he was gay.

LaFever was working as an acting watch commander at the facility when he was burglarized. The routine investigation that followed uncovered his homosexuality.

The assistant superintendent of the facility called him into his office and asked him to resign or face an internal investigation. He opted for the latter.

"I never wanted to discuss my sexual preference on the job," he said.

Because of harassment on the job, LaFever requested a transfer to the Department of Health Services.

The Friday before he was scheduled to start work in Southern California, he was told that his services would no longer be needed. In desperation, he called Agnos' office.

If it had not been for Agnos and the Executive Order signed by then-Governor Jerry Brown, he would have lost his job, LaFever told the committee.

Spencer Fields spoke to the committee as the representative of the Most Rev. Francis Quinn, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento.

"The bishop believes that employment is a basic human right," he said.

The bill is not a moral issue but a question of whether the state should "continue to permit discrimination against members of its society," Fields said.

"Homosexuals should not be denied basic human rights," he continued.

Other supporters of the bill included representatives of the AFL-CIO and the Fair Employment and Housing Commission.

The Rev. W.B. Timberlake, lobbyist for the Committee on Moral Concerns, was the main opposition speaker.

He said his group opposed the bill because it would add a "minority by choice" to the list of "minorities by conditions."

"We do not see our position as a religious viewpoint," he said. The Committee on Moral Concerns is composed of leaders from 23 religious denominations.

"Sexual orientation includes sex sadism and sex masochism because those involved are either heterosexual, homosexual, or bisexual," he stated.

"The bill would cause turmoil in any group of employees where an open homosexual or bisexual who got a job because of his sex practices, over other

qualified applicants, insisted on pushing his sexual practice or preference upon others in the employee group," Timberlake continued.

His testimony continued to focus on sado-masochistic sex and on leather.

At one point, when he was asked if he would hire a homosexual, he replied he would want to see what type of magazines the person read and would ask about the person's use of whips.

After the testimony continued for some time, Assemblyman Dick Floyd (D-Gardena) commented, "I'd like to have the opportunity to practice some heterosexuality tonight if we get out of here in time."

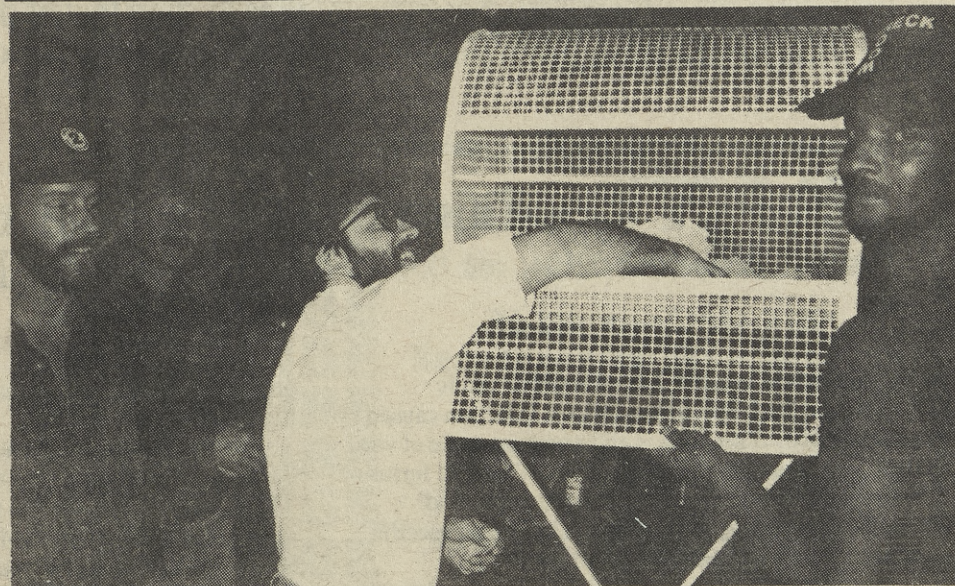
Members voting for the bill were Floyd, Johan Klehs (D-San Leandro), Agnos, Burt Margolian (D-Los Angeles), Gloria Molina (D-Los Angeles), Gwen Moore (D-Los Angeles), and Sally Tanner (D-El Monte).

Those who voted against the bill were Gerald Felando (R-Torrance), Bill Jones (R-Visalia), Alister McAlister (D-Milpitas), Sunny Mojonier (R-San Diego) and Eric Seastrand (R-San Luis Obispo).

The bill now goes to the Ways and Means Committee where it must pass if it is to be considered by the entire Assembly. If it passes the Assembly, it will go to the Senate for hearings.

In other AB-1 news, the local AB-1 committee is urging all people living in Jean Moorhead's district or Norman Waters' district to write to those legislators asking them to vote for AB-1 when it is heard on the Assembly floor.

Moorhead has indicated that she will probably vote against AB-1 unless she receives a large volume of mail in favor of the bill.



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\$4,000 For AIDS

The raffle held at The Wreck Room Feb. 16 raised \$3,000 for local efforts to fight AIDS. The bar contributed another \$1,000, raising the evening's total to \$4,000. Mark Vandervelden is shown drawing a winning ticket in the raffle.

An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted

Sexually transmitted diseases among the gay community are epidemic. Herpes has recently received a lot of attention; gonorrhea and syphilis are well known; but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a major recommendation for the prevention of another sexually transmitted disease: Hepatitis B. In their *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, the CDC stated: "Susceptible homosexually active males should be vaccinated [against hepatitis B] regardless of their age or duration of their homosexual practices."

Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B

In one study, from 51% to 76% of 3,816 gay men seen in five sexually transmitted disease clinics had evidence of past or present hepatitis B infection. Once infected, there's a 6% to 10% chance of becoming a carrier—capable of passing on the virus. The CDC estimated there are nearly 1 million carriers in the United States and that 100,000 of these carriers are gay men.

The hepatitis B virus can be passed on by contact with contaminated body fluids

such as saliva, urine, semen, and blood. The hepatitis B virus can be transmitted through tiny breaks in the skin or contact with mucous membranes. This can occur during intimate sexual contact and can lead to hepatitis B for the partner of an infected person. Although most patients recover and over half contracting hepatitis B do not get symptoms, there is no specific treatment and no known cure for hepatitis B infections.

Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications

For those who do get symptoms of hepatitis B, a mild or severe "flu-like" sickness may continue for weeks or months. Ten percent of all infections become long lasting (chronic) with potential complications that are sometimes more serious than those of other sexually transmitted diseases. The serious complications include the chronic carrier state, chronic active hepatitis, chronic persistent hepatitis, cirrhosis, and even cancer of the liver. Every year almost 4,000 carriers die of cirrhosis. In addition, carriers have a risk 273 times greater than that of the general population of contracting a usually fatal form of liver cancer.

Now this serious sexually transmitted disease is usually preventable by vaccination with the new hepatitis B vaccine

After more than a decade of research and development, a new vaccine is available for prevention, *not treatment*, of hepatitis B. In clinical studies, the vaccine was highly effective in preventing hepatitis B infection and was generally well tolerated. No serious adverse reactions occurred in these studies.

The vaccination regimen consists of a series of three injections, the first two a month apart and the third, six months after the first. To be effective, the vaccine must be given before a person gets hepatitis B. The vaccine helps prevent the disease: It is *not effective as a treatment*. We suggest that you consult your doctor to determine if you should be vaccinated.

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Why you should consult your doctor or clinic

The vaccine helps protect against infection caused by hepatitis B virus. This virus is an important cause of viral hepatitis, a disease mainly of the liver. Even mild forms of this disease may lead to serious complications and aftereffects, including liver cancer. There is no specific treatment for viral hepatitis.

Vaccination is recommended for persons who have a higher risk of becoming infected with hepatitis B virus because of frequent, close contact with infected people or exposure to body fluids from such people. It will not

protect against hepatitis caused by viruses other than hepatitis B virus.

No serious adverse reactions were reported in over 6,000 individuals receiving the vaccine in clinical trials. The most frequent reaction was soreness at the point of injection; less common local reactions included redness, swelling, warmth, or formation of a hard, lumplike spot. The local effects were usually mild and lasted no more than 2 days after vaccination. Occasionally, low-grade fever (less than 101 °F) occurred. When it did, it usually lasted no longer than 48 hours following vaccination. In

rare cases, fever over 102 °F was reported.

More generalized complaints including malaise, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, muscle pain, and joint pain were reported infrequently. Rash was reported rarely. As with any vaccine, broad use may reveal additional adverse reactions.

Your doctor or clinic knows what special care must be taken when administering the vaccine and in determining who should receive the vaccine. The vaccine is not intended for persons who are allergic to any of its components.

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Two Men At SF Presidio Fight Dishonorable Discharge; Deny Claim They're Gay, Had Sex

Two enlisted men stationed at the Presidio in San Francisco face dishonorable discharge for alleged homosexual behavior. The charges stem from an incident Christmas morning when the two were found sleeping in the same bed on the base.

Robin Komorowski, a 24-year-old private, and Tom Hazeltine, a 26-year-old specialist five, are charged by the Army with lewd and indecent acts.

Both men, who are married but not living with their wives, deny they are gay and say they have not been allowed to see the evidence against them.

Komorowski and Hazeltine said they learned, when questioned by investigators, that Komorowski's roommate filed two sworn statements accusing them of kissing and fondling each other

on specific dates.

"We have never done anything of the sort," Komorowski said.

The investigation of the two men, who are stationed at Letterman Hospital on the Presidio, started after the Christmas morning incident was reported.

According to Komorowski and Hazeltine, they went to a party Christmas Eve and returned to Komorowski's room "very drunk." They said they talked for a while and then fell asleep on Komorowski's bed, fully clothed.

One of Komorowski's roommates arrived at the room early Christmas morning and discovered the men in bed. Without waking them the roommate went downstairs to where he and a group of barracks residents and guests were having a party.

The men say their lives at the Presidio have been ruined as a result of the investigation and the subsequent rumors and innuendo about them at the hospital and in the barracks.

Hazeltine was to be given an honorable discharge March 29. He was told he was to receive an award of commendation upon his release. "Now they say they will hold me beyond the release date in order to process the charges and throw me out," said Hazeltine.

Under Army regulations, homosexual acts are considered crimes punishable by court martial or dishonorable discharge.

Homosexual "orientation," also against regulations, is punishable by "administrative separation" from any branch of service.

What is particularly aggravating, say the two men, is that heterosexual personnel often have girlfriends or boyfriends stay in their rooms and are rarely punished, although fornication is considered a basis for discharge.

"People get their hands slapped for that," said another soldier who did not wish to be identified. "They don't consider illegal sex between men and women a threat to morale here."

Study Shows TV People Out Of Touch With American Public

The people who create popular entertainment on television are predominately secular in outlook, politically liberal, non-religious, and seek to reform society toward their views, according to an Associated Press report of a new study.

But they differ greatly on these moral issues from the attitudes of the general public, says the report about Hollywood's most influential TV writers, producers and executives.

"Their value orientation is fundamentally different from that of the general public," says the report published in Public Opinion, a magazine of the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research in Washington.

"On such issues as abortion, homosexual rights and extramarital sex, their views diverge sharply from traditional values."

The study involved detailed interviews with 104 key people who make TV shows. The subjects were chosen on the basis of their prominence in the industry. Each is associated with two or more successful prime-time series.

"This group has had a major role in shaping the shows whose themes and stars have become staples in our popular culture."

This is the opinion of the researchers, political scientist Robert Lichter of George Washington University, professor of government Stanley Rothman of Smith College and Linda Lichter, research associate of both Columbia and George Washington universities.

The study is part of a series being made about attitudes of leaders in various fields. A previous phase found that key professionals in the news media are far less religious than the general public.

But creators of TV entertainment differ even more drastically from most Americans in attitudes toward religion and social and moral issues.

"They have moved toward a markedly more secular orientation," the report says. Ninety-three percent of the professionals who make the main TV entertainment seldom or never attend religious services, according to the study, compared to 41 percent of Americans who attend weekly or more often.

While nearly all of them came out of religious backgrounds, 45 percent now say they have no religion. The other 55 percent state a religious preference, but generally it "appears to be purely

nominal," the report says, since only 7 percent attend a religious service even once a month.

Among the public, such attendance is six times greater weekly and 93 percent state a religious preference, 68 percent being active members.

Eighty percent of the TV entertainment makers do not regard homosexual relations as wrong, and 51 percent do not regard adultery as wrong. Only 17 percent of the 49 percent who think adultery wrong feel that way strongly.

Nearly all — 97 percent — believe a woman has a right to decide for herself about having an abortion, and 91 percent hold that view "strongly."

In comparison, studies find 85 percent of Americans consider adultery wrong and 71 percent consider homosexual activity wrong. Surveys of specific views about abortion find 73 percent want it limited to certain hard cases or banned.

Seventy-five percent of the TV professionals call themselves political liberals, while only 27 percent of the public does so.

The subjects of the study are predominantly white males from urban centers, 82 percent from metropolitan areas, mostly in California or Northeastern cities. "Very few have roots in middle America," the report says.

Most are well educated and "extraordinarily well paid," two thirds of them making over \$200,000 a year. But 70 percent believe government should substantially reduce the income gap between rich and poor.

Although they affirm capitalism, most would like to see substantial changes in society. They reject American social institutions and structures, saying they cause alienation.

"Two out of three believe that TV should be a major force for social reform," the report says. "According to television's creators, they are not in it just for the money. They also seek to move their audience toward their own vision of the good society."*

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Appeals Court Bars Sailor's Discharge

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has issued its second injunction barring the discharge of Navy serviceman James Miller, pending his appeal.

Miller was one of three plaintiffs in earlier suits which resulted in the Ninth Circuit decision in *Beller v. Middendorf* in 1980, which upheld the Navy's position that the regulations for discharging homosexuals were not unconstitutional.

However, the Navy then waited more than 14 months before issuing discharge orders.

Miller's original attorney, John Vaisey, now of Portland, Oregon, filed suit again in federal district court seeking an injunction, claiming the Navy was estopped from now discharging Miller. The district court denied relief, but the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued its injunction.

Miller has more than 18 years of outstanding service, and has been on active duty under various court orders obtained by his attorney since his original administrative discharge hearing in 1976.

Vaisey said he feels that the issues raised are those similar to the *Watkins* case, recently featured on CBS "60 Minutes."*

Club 21 Softball Team Gets Division Spot; Will Go To SF April 10 For Opening Day

By DON SOUZA

The prospects are looking great for the Club 21 softball team. At the latest meeting at the Phone Booth Bar in San Francisco, the team landed in the Golden Gate Division of the Gay Softball League — S.F. The opposite division, the Cable Car Division, appears to be extremely tough; the other Sacramento team may find it has a difficult task on its hands.

Here is the membership of the two divisions of the Gay Softball League — SF for the 1983 season.

GOLDEN GATE	CABLE CAR
Club 21	Pilsner Inn
Pendulum	Ambush
Deluxe	Moby Dick
Kokpit	Cafe San Marcos
Trax	Stables
Googies	Phone Booth
Rookies	Parking Lot

Judging from the make-up of the two divisions, the Pendulum team has to be the team to beat. The Club 21 appears to be a strong challenger for the aforementioned division and play-off consideration.

At our last team meeting, we had a good turn out. Due to a rainout of practice, we concluded business pertinent to the upcoming season. As team manager, I would like to thank all who have signed up to date. Your response has exceeded the turnout for the original Hut Team in 1976.

Leading the 6-member cheerleading unit is Art Cacal, who has worked hard with a new group. They have already put in a considerable amount of hours in

practices. They and members of our team will travel to San Francisco to cheer on Pilsner Inn on opening day, Sunday, April 10.

Teams and locations will be determined in several weeks. The open dates for the league are Memorial Day, Gay Freedom Day, and possible byes. Also, on March 22, the GSL is hosting a dinner for all sponsors of the league.

An important date to look forward to is the July 4th weekend. The Club 21 is hosting the first Sacramento Invitational Tournament. Invitations have been extended to the following teams: Deluxe, Moby Dick, Pilsner Inn, Cafe San Marcos and Kokpit. All these teams have been most receptive. As soon as the schedule is formulated, we will pass out wallet-size schedules in our bar.

We plan to be a very competitive team, but more importantly, good sportsmen. In proper perspective, that's what it is all about. We welcome the support of the gay community at all our home games. We plan to carry a roster of eighteen players during the 1983 season. For additional information, call 444-2121.

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Deukmejian: Gay GOP 'Cautiously Optimistic'

Bay Area gay Republican leaders are "cautiously optimistic" about Governor George Deukmejian's attitude toward gay rights, according to a story in the San Francisco Chronicle of Feb. 17.

The Chronicle's political correspondent, Larry Liebert, talked to several Republicans in Deukmejian's administration, in the state Republican Party structure, and in Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights. This is a group of Bay Area gay Republicans that claims a membership of about 250.

Robert Bacci and Duke Armstrong, two leaders of CRIR, met last week in the governor's office with Doug Watts, Deukmejian's director of public affairs (and manager of Sheriff Robbie Waters' successful campaign against Duane Lowe).

Watts assured them that there will be "no gay-baiting" by the conservative Deukmejian. "That's just not this governor's style. He's no John Briggs," Watts said.

He told The Chronicle that he "did a whole lot of listening, letting them know they had access. I would characterize it as a good meeting."

Armstrong said that he "came away cautiously optimistic" from the meeting with Watts. "There were no flat ideological grounds on which they had problems with gay rights."

However, considerable differences of interpretation surfaced in Watts' and Armstrong's reports of what was said at the meeting. These differences indicate an unwillingness on the part of the administration to take any positive stands or action on gay rights issues.

According to Armstrong, Watts promised that the governor would keep in

force Governor Brown's 1979 executive order that banned discrimination against gays and lesbians in state employment. But Watts said he only told Armstrong and Bacci that Deukmejian's administration has made no move to rescind or reconsider the order.

Armstrong claimed that Watts also promised that Deukmejian will remain neutral on AB-1, Assemblyman Art Agnos' legislation to extend protection to lesbians and gays in private employment. However, Watts said he had only indicated that the governor's normal policy is not to take a stand on legislation until it reaches his desk, unless it has a fiscal impact.

Finally, Armstrong claimed that Watts said the "odds are" that several homosexuals hold top positions in the current administration and that there's no reason to believe Deukmejian did not know that and did not object.

Watts called this allegation "ridiculous," but added that, "knowing George Deukmejian, I can't see him going out and firing someone because they're gay."

Liebert pointed out that "this statement alone reflects changing times among Republicans." He noted that a "ring" of homosexual aides caused a serious scandal in Ronald Reagan's governorship, and that the aides quickly resigned in humiliation.

Liebert also reported further evidence of a "new-found Republican urge to take advantage of gay activism." The new state Republican Party chair, former Lieutenant governor Ed Reinecke, told a Marin County Republican dinner recently that he will see that the party aggressively goes after gay voters as part of his "outreach" programs for

attracting blacks, Hispanics, and other minority groups.

The executive director of the state Republican Party, John Meyers, told Liebert that "Ed believes that anyone who believes in the Republican Party and the free enterprise system belongs in the party. Ed is not the kind of Republican who gives litmus tests."

Liebert concluded his story with a brief

analysis of Republicans' predicament vis-a-vis gay rights issues.

"These days," he wrote, "Republicans are caught in political crosscurrents on such issues. President Reagan is close to the Moral Majority and other New Right groups that crusade against homosexuality, yet Reagan was a vigorous opponent of the Briggs initiative in 1978."*

Gay Rights National Lobby 1983 Strategy Will Target More Funds For AIDS Research

Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) has announced a strategy for 1983 that includes securing more federal research funding for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), seeking increased research by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and obtaining increased funding for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

More than 1,000 people have now come down with AIDS; over 350 of these have died. Two new cases are reported every day. Researchers still know nothing conclusive about the cause, transmission, treatment, or cure of AIDS.

Tentatively CDC has concluded that the syndrome may be spread by intimate contact (e.g., sexual relations, IV drug use) or blood products (e.g., transfusion).

"AIDS is the most complex epidemic we've ever had to deal with," said Dr. William Foege, CDC Director. AIDS is considered the worst epidemic since smallpox.

In 1982, GRNL, in conjunction with many Congressional supporters, its constituent lobbyists, and other organizations, was successful in getting a \$2 million appropriation for CDC AIDS activities in Fiscal Year 1983. The administration has now announced it will recommend \$2 million be spent in Fiscal Year 1984 for CDC AIDS activities. Previously the Office of Management and Budget had recommended deep cuts in CDC's budget and staff. GRNL will work with many groups to try to increase CDC's budget and AIDS activities.

GRNL will also participate in a joint project with the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) to obtain more AIDS research from NIH. NIH is the largest medical research organization in the world, with a budget of \$4 billion. Thus far it has spent very little on AIDS (\$865,000 in FY 1982 and \$4.8 million planned in FY 1983).

GRNL will be trying to build support among members of the House and Senate appropriations committees, who have significant influence over NIH research priorities. NGTF will be working directly with NIH, using the medical research community to convince NIH that AIDS should be a higher priority.

"Last session we helped secure some funding for limited CDC case analysis activities," said Steve Endean, GRNL Executive Director. "But now it's time for Congress to appropriate significant research dollars. AIDS threatens us all. We must stop the deaths."

Last year GRNL was the only organization working full time on AIDS congressional lobbying. Its constituent lobbyists were effective in influencing key legislators who pushed for the \$2 million appropriation last session.

The entire lesbian and gay community is urged to contact their Members of Congress to communicate their concern about AIDS and desire for increased research funding. Contact GRNL's AIDS PROJECT for advice on what to say (P.O. Box 1892, Washington, DC 20013; phone (202) 546-1801).

Please also contact us, your local NOW chapter, your League of Women Voters, or Board of Elections to find out who your Members of Congress are.*

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have no other choice."

Harvey Thompson, MD, who appeared at the press conference with Caggiano, stated that he "shared the blood bank's concern with the transmission of AIDS and the need to screen out high-risk donors."

Dr. Thompson publicly disagreed, however, with the inclusion of the blanket category "male homosexual" as a condition disqualifying a person from giving blood. He stated that a more selective wording, such as "homosexually active male," would be more appropriate as well as less likely to be perceived as derogatory.

Blood banks in San Francisco and Los Angeles, he pointed out, are using the latter approach. He also noted that the wording chosen by the Sacramento

Blood Bank would still enable men to give blood who do not identify themselves as homosexual yet are homosexually active, primarily in anonymous, "quick-sex" situations such as adult bookstores, bath houses, and movie theaters.

When asked about this objection, Dr. Caggiano replied, "I didn't know about that. What goes on in those places? We'll have to look into that."

Caggiano emphasized that the new policy for screening out blood donors at high risk for AIDS will constantly be "reviewed, modified, and changed" as more evidence comes in about AIDS.

He asked for the cooperation and support of the gay community in regards to the blood bank's policy, and in regards to continuing education and research on AIDS.*

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FDA Docs Say Hepatitis B Vaccine Is Safe, Effective

The new hepatitis B vaccine is safe and highly effective, according to a commentary written by two physicians of the Food and Drug Administration in the Feb. 10 Journal of the American Medical Association.

The article by Dr. Robert J. Gerety and Dr. Edward Tabor was in response to concerns that the vaccine may contain an agent that would transmit Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

The FDA has approved the vaccine and distribution began last July. An estimated 100,000 to 200,000 people have been vaccinated.

The vaccine is made from donors' blood plasma, making it unique.

A number of health care workers refuse to be vaccinated because some of the plasma is obtained from hepatitis B-positive gay men, the group with the highest number of AIDS cases.

The cause of AIDS is unknown, but there has been concern it may be transmitted through blood or blood products.

The United States has 200,000 new

cases of hepatitis B each year—10,000 die of acute liver failure and 10,000 to 20,000 experience chronic hepatitis B.

"It is estimated that half of these cases of hepatitis B can be prevented by immunizing all persons at high risk for hepatitis B with the licensed vaccine," Gerety and Tabor stated in their commentary.

High risk groups include hospital workers, gay men, and intravenous drug abusers.

According to Gerety, the vaccine is "one of the most highly purified and safe vaccines."

"There's no direct evidence of any infectious agent being transmitted by the vaccine. So all the concern is hypothetical—and not actual," he continued.

"We cannot say strongly that hepatitis B vaccine does not cause AIDS," stated Dr. Donald Francis of the Centers for Disease Control. "It looks extremely safe. It's a very efficacious and very useful product."*

Liberace Will Answer Palimony Suit, Says He Won't Pay A Nickel

Liberace's attorneys told the Associated Press Feb. 15 that they are preparing an answer to the palimony suit filed by his former chauffeur-bodyguard who says the pianist promised him lifetime support.

Although the suit, filed by 23-year-old Scott Thorson, who claims he was Liberace's live-in lover, was announced in October, the entertainer was not served with it until Jan. 24, Thorson's attorney Michael Rosenthal said.

Rosenthal said, "We caught him in Las Vegas," in the parking lot of the MGM Grand Hotel after Liberace finished his show there. An earlier attempt to serve the papers failed when a judge rejected the testimony of a process server who said she served the papers on a man wearing a brown business suit at a music fair on Long Island.

"That man wouldn't be caught dead in a brown business suit," Superior Court Judge Irving A. Simer said of Liberace. Liberace, known for his glitter, jewels, and furs, and his pompadour hairstyle, denied that he had been handed any

documents.

Liberace's lawyer Joel Strote affirmed that his client had been officially served at the MGM. He said a reply to the suit will be filed within the required 30-day period.

He emphasized that he has no plans for an out-of-court settlement with Thorson. The pianist's former employee is seeking \$133 million and claims Liberace promised him \$7,000 a month and half his property if Thorson would be his employee and lover.

Strote said, "At least while I'm the lawyer there will never be a nickel paid."

Liberace has publicly denied the allegations in the suit, saying Thorson was a "disgruntled former employee" who was trying to "assassinate" his character.

Liberace is currently on tour, and publicity about the suit has apparently not bothered his fans. "His bookings are smashing," Strote said.

In 1959 Liberace won a \$22,400 libel judgment against a London newspaper that implied he was a homosexual.*

Sacramento Opera Association Will Stage 'Barber of Seville' By Rossini April 8 & 10, Tickets On Sale Now

The Sacramento Opera Association will present Rossini's "The Barber of Seville" Friday, April 8 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 10 at 2 p.m. in the Sacramento Community Center Theater.

"The Barber of Seville," to be sung in English, features mezzo soprano Wendy Hillhouse, in the role of Rosina. Monroe Kanouse, who conducted the Sacramento Symphony Orchestra in the local productions of "La Boheme" in 1981 and "Carmen" in 1982, is returning to conduct the Sacramento Symphony Orchestra in this opera.

Besides Wendy Hillhouse, principal cast members are Robert Tate as Count Almaviva, Lee Velta as Figaro, Carl Glaum as Bartolo, and John McAllister as Basilio.

The majority of the 32-member cast are local performers. Supporting cast

members from Sacramento are Ken Johnson as Fiorello and Elaine Deatherage as Berta. Dr. Gerald Larson, professor of theater arts at California State University, Sacramento is the stage director. Steven Eldredge, Chorus Master and Rehearsal Coach, is currently working in New York and will return for this production. Barbara Jackson of Davis is the costume designer and coordinator. Marianne Oaks is the General Director of the Sacramento Opera Association.

"The Barber of Seville" is set in 18th century Spain. Count Almaviva is in love with the beautiful Rosina, but her guardian, Dr. Bartolo, plans to marry her and she is kept secure inside his house. Figaro, a barber, helps Count Almaviva scheme entry into Dr. Bartolo's house and bribes a notary into marrying him to

Rev. Troy Perry Speaks Here To Raise Money For TV Movie About Christianity And Gays; Partly Filmed In Sacramento

By SANDRA LEE

Laughter and people filled the River City Metropolitan Community Church the evening of Feb. 10 as the Rev. Troy Perry spoke about his experiences during the filming of "God, Gays and the Bible — This Is Our Story," a made-for-TV movie scheduled to be shown during prime time in mid-1983 or mid-1984.

Perry, the founder of MCC, was a Pentecostal minister but was "defrocked" for being a homosexual. An enjoyable, charismatic speaker, he started with twelve people in his living room in October of 1968, approximately one year before the Stonewall Riots.

Since then, MCC has been at the forefront of the Gay Liberation Movement and the Women's Rights Movement. There has been much opposition over the years, with 14 churches burned and many others vandalized. Stating that "homosexuals and lesbians can be Christians," Perry went on to say that MCC opens a new church "somewhere in the world" at the rate of one a week, with a present membership of approximately 20,000.

The movie, which was filmed in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Sacra-

mento, is being produced by Greg Cutts and Mary Ann McEwen of Forward Focus Productions, a gay-lesbian production company in Vancouver, British Columbia. The music is being directed by the same man who directs the music for "Solid Gold" on TV each week.

Perry hopes that homophobic evangelists like Jerry Falwell and Oral Roberts will see this movie and that they will discover "we look just like them." He hopes that the families, friends and acquaintances of gays and lesbians will see this movie and realize that "this is who we are and what we're all about."

The prime time and tape must be paid for, and Perry has been on the road trying to raise money. He was in Virginia and Maryland the week before last, in California last week, and in Florida this week. He will be home only six days in two-and-a-half months.

The preview/fundraiser was sponsored by the River City MCC Men's Support Group. Enthusiastic supporters in the audience included the Rev. Perry's mother, Mistress Kathy Gage and Mistress Carole Thompson of Gay Vote '82 and the KS Foundation, and Boyce Hinman and Paul Schierenberg of Our River City Family.*

American Express Revokes Charge Privileges For Gay Business In SF

A gay business in San Francisco has lost its American Express credit card charge privileges because "working with those people" would not be in "the best interests of the company."

The Connector, a computerized phone hookup service which put gay men in contact with others looking for phone sex or later meetings, was given less than thirty days to terminate its American Express services, itself a violation of the contract agreement.

Sex is certainly not the issue here, as a quick glance through the Yellow Pages of the San Francisco phone book will verify. You can call "Penthouse Pets," "Aphrodite's Specialized Service," "Laurie's Showgirl Sex Line," or "Diana's Phone Sex" and use an American Express charge card. There's no doubt that when AMEX referred to "those people," it meant gay men.

Al Hall, who owns and operates The Connector, plans a multi-million dollar

suit against the travel giant. He says, "This is pure discrimination against gays," and he intends to fight. Hall, blind since birth, is a sort of electronics wizard who is fascinated with the possibilities of his marriage of phones and computers. He feels that his service, linking lonely people with others like them with no cash involvement, "provides a vital link to a world where they aren't abnormal, or even unusual."

Unlike other phone services, which employ men who may even use scripts in order to titillate callers for a fee, The Connector enables a caller to meet other interested callers anonymously so that both parties are into whatever they decide to share. This is made practical by a sophisticated computer-linked phone circuit which matches incoming calls as they appear.

All that sounded good to callers from 35 cities in 16 states, and the business promises to expand. Losing a major credit card might slow that down. The big question is: how does American Express feel about "those people" who use their credit cards?

Stonewall Features Syndicate

Braille Scripts For 'Pirates' At Tower

Braille manuscripts will be available for the spectacular film production of Gilbert and Sullivan's rousing musical comedy "Pirates of Penzance." The Tower Theater is offering a unique opportunity to the visually handicapped. Braille manuscripts, written by Jeffrey Boll, will be available for use during the screening of "Pirates of Penzance."

Those proficient in braille are invited to attend any performance compliments of the Tower Theatre, located at 16th and Broadway. As manuscripts are limited please call Lex or Diane at 443-8280 (after 2 p.m.) for reservations.*

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A Winter Day At Sea Ranch

Several members of the Sacramento Men's Collective spent the Christmas holiday at The Sea Ranch on California's north coast. Intrigued by the solitude and the landscape, they spent a day exploring in the mist.



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BOOKS

Gay Sunshine Books Show Others' Lives, Fantasies

Gay Sunshine Interviews Volume Two.
Edited by Winston Leyland. Gay Sunshine Press, \$10

SEX, True Homosexual Experiences From STH Writers Volume 3.

SEX, True Homosexual Experiences From STH Writers Volume 3.
Edited by Boyd McDonald. Gay Sunshine Press, \$12.

Reviewed by RICK RUMAN

I have been peering voyeuristically into the lives of others again through two books, one of which left me feeling like the titillated spectator at a peep show; the other enlightened and amused me, and left me feeling proud of the contributions gay people are making to society.

Gay Sunshine Interviews offers some interesting revelations from actors, writers, film makers, and even politician Harry Britt, on the ways in which their sexual preference has shaped their creative efforts. Or, in some cases, how society's view of that sexual preference

has made it difficult for them to realize their potential.

Some interviewees, like Harry Britt, are interesting and articulate, while others, like Robert Duncan, are boring and self-important. But their opinions about the work that made them are, for the most part, well worth reading.

There were a few times when I did long for the bold stroke of an editor's blue pencil. Particularly when Robert Duncan is asked to expand upon some remarks he once made about a gay mythological tradition, and then expands upon them at great length (apparently all his comments are set down verbatim) without really explaining them.

This is probably the one flaw in the book: the failure of the interviewers and the editor to shape the interviews with pertinent questions and judicious editing. Apparently, the intent is to get everything down just as it was said. But by having it all, something is lost. Few people are capable of responding to questions, orally, at length, without digressing. One cannot fault the pro-

ducers of the book for their attempt to avoid imposing their own values and voice on the interviewees, but one cannot help but feel that they might have taken a little more care in formulating their questions.

Despite this relatively minor flaw, *Interviews* is an important book to a gay community looking for a sense of history and continuity.

If *Interviews* brings us face to face with some fascinating gay men, *SEX* brings us hand to crotch with some fascinating sexual fantasies in which the names have been changed to protect the not-so-innocent. Like its companion volumes, *MEAT* and *FLESH*, *SEX* proves that for editor Boyd McDonald, life is just one big masturbatory fantasy. McDonald, editor of *Straight to Hell*, has brought together page after page of confessions, if you will, of gay men and their encounters with trade.

In reading *SEX* one cannot be certain that any of these episodes have ever occurred. (I recall a friend of mine telling me how he and his friends would sit around in the dorms concocting stories

much like these for Penthouse Forum.) On the other hand, the details are so graphic, the descriptions so explicit, the writing, editing, and grammar so *bad* that one cannot help but feel that they must be true.

McDonald is less an editor than a simple compiler or collector of sexual chronicles. If he does ask questions of his correspondents, he is much more likely to inquire about the scent of their underwear than about how they spend the **rest** of their lives.

But, to point up such things about this book is to miss the point. McDonald does not offer up these pieces as scholarly research, they are intended only to titillate and perhaps encourage our own fantasies about the telephone repair man, the delivery man, and so on.

In that respect the book is a complete success. Our fantasies will not harm us unless we indulge in them to the exclusion of real relations with other human beings. In the end, if the revenues from books like *SEX* allow the Gay Sunshine Press also to give us books like *Interviews*, they are doubly worthwhile.★

Help For All Who Are Victims Of Assault

By SANDRA LEE

The Sacramento Rape Crisis Center quietly provides a valuable and much needed service for people in the metropolitan Sacramento area.

The Center has been in operation for the last nine years and is presently located at 1311 21st St., at the back of Lioness Books. Around the first of April, the Center will move into more spacious offices on the second floor of the Women's Building at 2224 J St.

Operating with six paid staff members and approximately 35 volunteers, the Center maintains a 24-hour hotline (447-RAPE). The office can be reached at 447-3223 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

When a crisis call comes in on the hotline it is picked up by an answering service and patched through to the counselor on duty at that time. This enables the counselor to take the call at a location other than the Rape Crisis Center.

The counselor makes sure the victim is in a safe place and is not hurt. Immediate medical care is important to rule out the chance of internal injuries, VD, or pregnancy. The counselor can recommend a clinic, if the victim doesn't have a private doctor or doesn't wish to go to her own doctor.

A counselor will accompany the victim to the doctor, and later to the police or sheriff and through the court procedure. She will answer any questions the victim may have, make sure the victim gets fair treatment, and provide emotional sup-

port during this time. There is no charge for any of these services.

Ongoing counseling is provided, either over the telephone or in a one-to-one situation. The counseling can take place at the Center, in the victim's home, or on neutral ground, such as a coffee shop or restaurant. Whatever is most comfortable for the victim is what is important, and anonymity and confidentiality are guaranteed.

Not all assault victims are women — men and children are also assaulted. The Rape Crisis Center provides counseling for all the victims of assault, as well as the family and friends of the victim. The counselor will help the relatives of an assault victim work out their feelings of guilt, anger, and frustration. Although it is estimated that only 20 to 25 percent of all assaults are reported, the Center gets approximately 45 new victims each month.

Volunteers average about one year on the hotline, and training programs are held every four months, with the next program scheduled to begin March 21. Volunteers are screened before and after training and must be willing to make a commitment and be able to present options in a caring, non-judgemental manner. They go through 40 hours of intensive training that covers the history and politics of rape, rape trauma, incest, crisis intervention, and general violence. Guest speakers from local hospitals, the police department, and the District Attorney's offices are also presented.

After the training period, volunteers go through a 24-hour internship, lis-

tening to experienced counselors on the hotline and handling calls, assisted by the counselor. Shailla Rao, counselor co-ordinator, stated that the job is "not easy but is very rewarding."

Students may bet up to three units of credit for working on the hotline and counselors come from a variety of backgrounds. At the moment the Center has

Spanish, Cantonese, Thai, and Korean counselors and are looking for Vietnamese counselors and counselors who can deal with people who are deaf or developmentally disabled. Volunteers are also needed in the office and to organize fundraising events. The Center is a non-profit organization and all donations are tax-deductible.*

WEST Aids Women With Skills Needed To Enter Job Market

By SANDRA LEE WALSTROM

Are you an unemployed woman with weak or rusty job skills? Well, go WEST young (and not-so-young) woman!

WEST stands for Women's Employment Services and Training and is the employment project of the Sacramento Women's Center and Bookstore, Inc. The project is approximately four years old.

Serving CETA-eligible women who are just entering or re-entering the job market, WEST is funded by the Sacramento Employment Training Agency. The program is designed to help an applicant raise competence levels and build confidence in herself.

Participants learn specific job skills, interview skills, even how to write a resume.

Three weeks is spent in pre-employment training. The applicant is paid \$3.35 per hour during this period and spends the time assessing skills, developing goals, making career decisions, and improving self-concept.

Placement in public or non-profit agencies introduces participants to the working world. These placements are short-term and part-time and provide people who have never worked or who have been out of the job market for a while a chance to adjust to a new job in a non-threatening manner.

The next step in the process is on-the-job-training. In a six-month training program in a privately-owned business, participants are first hired by the employer. WEST pays 50 percent

of the participant's salary while the participant is engaged in work which provides knowledge or skills needed to perform the job.

The jobs are primarily starting and re-entry jobs and are geared to single women who are wage-earners or heads of their household. The jobs are traditional and non-traditional and are primarily day jobs.

Should an applicant have no skills or very limited skills. WEST will guide her into the proper training programs.

To be CETA-qualified an applicant must have been unemployed for at least seven days, must reside in Sacramento City or County and must be "economically disadvantaged" — receiving cash welfare payments or have a family income for the six-month period prior to application that is 70 percent of the lower living standard income level.

To enroll in the CETA program an appointment must be made at any one of five of the following offices: Fruitridge Neighborhood Center, 4445 Fruitridge Road, 456-4701; Sacramento Concilio, 1911 F Street, 448-3211; P.A.G.S.A., 4241 Florin Road, 393-1060; Skills and Business Education Center, 2751 Stockton Blvd., 454-8464; Del Paso Junior High School, 1221 South Ave., 925-3581 ext. 327.

Although CETA certification is necessary to enroll in WEST, job announcements posted in the job room at WEST are available to everyone.

WEST is located at 2021 N Street, Suite A, 441-4207.*

Gay Man On Death Row Loses Appeal; Needs Witnesses To Back Up His Story Of Innocence; Trial Was A Travesty

By PATRICK FRANKLIN,
Stonewall Features Syndicate

Robert Sullivan, the gay man who has been on Death Row for a longer time than any convict in America, recently suffered a severe setback. His appeal to the 11th Circuit Court was rejected summarily, leaving the U.S. Supreme Court as literally his court of last resort.

Sullivan, whose conviction rests solely on the testimony of an admitted perpetrator of the crime in question, endured a trial that was a travesty of justice. His "accomplice," Reid McLaughlin, managed to plea-bargain, and in exchange for his testimony against Sullivan served only eight years and is now a free man. Sullivan's first public defender did nothing to investigate the case, and was replaced by another who feared repercussions from the gay aspects of Sullivan's alibi — he was in a gay bar at the time of the killing — so never introduced witnesses who could place Sullivan far away from the scene of the murder.

In the meanwhile, Sullivan's Defense Fund has located witnesses who can establish the fact that Sullivan was not at that scene, but miles away. However, the specter of homophobia has made some of those witnesses fear to testify for him, even though their statements could save his life. The rejection of Sullivan's latest appeal places him in an extremely dangerous position.

Sullivan, now standing closer to the chair than ever before, is making an urgent appeal to the gay community of the United States: if you, or anyone you now was in Keith's Cruise Room Bar, in

Hallendale, Florida around April 8-9, 1973, and you think you may be able to help Robert, please contact him in care of his Defense Fund, 53 Leicester Road, Belmont, Mass. 02178, or directly at P.O. Box 747, S-2-N-3, Starke, Florida, 32091.*

Harry Britt Will Address Gary Miller Fundraiser March 5

San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt will headline a reception sponsored by The Friends of Gary Miller on Saturday, March 5, at 2014 23rd Street, from 8-11 p.m.

Tickets for the reception cost \$15 or two for \$25. Elegant hors d'oeuvres will be served and there will be a no-host bar. Attendance is limited to 100 people. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by calling 447-5696 (days) or 443-7831 (evenings).

Britt succeeded the assassinated Supervisor Harvey Milk and has been returned to the Board of Supervisors twice by San Francisco voters. Britt has been a strong advocate for the rights of seniors, renters, gays, and the disabled.

Britt, a native of Port Arthur, Texas, was a Methodist minister for eight years. He later worked for the Social Security Administration and was a letter carrier. He is a past president of the San Francisco Gay Democratic Club (now the Harvey Milk Gay Democratic Club.)*

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Fear & Loathing At Tax Time: The Audit

By BRADLEY SCRIMGEOUR

You always fear it and never really expect it to happen. You cautiously approach your mailbox, reaching inside with trepidation, and remove a pile of mail. Sure you have plenty of friends who write you throughout the year, but what about this unusual oversized envelope labeled "IRS"?

You don't know anyone named Irene, and certainly not anyone who would use such tacky stationery. It suddenly hits you—the Internal Revenue Service is writing you a letter, and you can be sure it isn't a Christmas card.

You try to remember if you mailed in your return. Yes, you did on the way out one night. With a sour heart and shakey palms you open the envelope; no check. But there is a letter. That's right. You are one of the lucky few—you're being audited.

There is probably nothing more worrisome than receiving the audit notice and preparing for the audit itself. To set the record straight: there is nothing to worry about and no need to get an ulcer.

Remember that as a part of its revenue collection duties the IRS just tries to monitor incoming returns as well as it can. Don't get the impression that the IRS service representatives read each return with a magnifying glass and check criminal records simultaneously.

When you submit your return it is ingested into the system with more than 100,000 other returns, amended returns, and letters received at each service center on a given day. From that point on, the returns are processed and a few, not many, are pulled at random for closer scrutinizing.

If you are chosen for an audit, rest assured that nine times out of ten nothing is really wrong.

Of course, those who undergo the unfortunate experience need to do some fast preparation.

When you receive an audit notice, you should:

1) Sign and return any requested verification of receipt notices enclosed with the audit notification. Include the

log number from the return on the face of the notice and on all correspondence. Keep a copy of everything you send to the IRS.

2) In case the IRS has preset an appointment date, call the IRS and cancel the appointment (use the 800 toll-free number). If you do not have a tax consultant, you should:

a) consider hiring an audit specialist; or

b) get the IRS audit booklet and read it thoroughly and prepare a defense for each questioned item.

Reset your appointment and give yourself some time to prepare. If you are fortunate enough to have had a tax consultant prepare your return, call this person at once, prior to contacting the IRS. Most consultants provide audit assistance and service which relieves the client of having to personally appear.

3) Whether you are appearing yourself or having a representative appear for you, you need to organize and arrange your records. Take note of the items the IRS has marked for attention. Prepare and collect your documentation for these items and make sure that you spend an appreciable amount of time trying to be complete in your organization. Document items separately and be aware that the IRS is likely to disallow anything which is not visibly supportable.

If you find additional items which you forgot to claim, bring them along as well. Taxpayers can and do receive refunds, with interest, as a result of an audit.

There may be an estimated overpayment of tax included in the audit letter. You should not be too alarmed by this. Just get to work and do the best to C.Y.A. Nobody, not even Uncle Sam is out to get you—they're just trying to police individual filers and keep us basically honest.

4) During the audit itself, if you appear personally, be calm and try to be organized. Present only what is requested by the IRS, and indicate anything you're unable to produce—people do lose receipts and records. The IRS has no intention of horsewhipping you or shooting you behind the building for

discrepancies in your records. Nor do they want your first-born child, your car, or your house. Payment schedules can be arranged, and IRS representatives are capable of calm, rational discussion, if you simply behave appropriately.

Now, for those of you who feel your audit was not randomly set up, ask yourself why you think you've been audited.

- What did you fudge on?
- How did you draw attention to your return?
- Can you document the problem area at all?
- Are your records in order?
- Do you have any records?
- Do you really care if you get the deduction? i.e. is it worth it?

If your return is audited because something looks out of balance and an examiner has so noted it, you had best be able to document or just forget the whole thing. The IRS will not ruin you or send you to jail. But it will assess a penalty and a tax cost for disallowed items. Once this is done, you simply deal with the IRS and set up appropriate payment terms.

Granted, this subject is relatively unnerving, but given the potential random selection of anyone for an audit, and given the propensity for some returns to appear too padded, **documentation and foresight** are essential.

In the long run, a small investment in a tax consultant who provides audit insurance is the best way to go, as it relieves the individual from all personal involvement.*

New Stronger VD Strain Hits Military Personnel In Korea

Federal health officials have expressed concern at the probable appearance in the U.S. of a drug-resistant strain of gonorrhea which has surfaced among Air Force personnel stationed in Korea.

The disease causes symptoms similar to common gonorrhea. It is virtually immune to the antibiotic spectinomycin and does not respond well to penicillin, said William Whittington, chief of venereal disease research at the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Spectinomycin and penicillin are the two main drugs used to battle gonorrhea, but other treatments for the new strain are available.

Only two cases were seen anywhere in the world before last year, the CDC said in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

But between August 1982 and January 1983, 27 cases transmitted by sexual contact were reported by the Air Force.

The problem has been deemed serious enough to send Air Force medical personnel to South Korea to investigate, Whittington said.

"Continued transmission of this doubly resistant organism within Korea and continued importation of gonococci from that country make the eventual importation probable," the CDC said.

Whittington said that "what is very concerning to us is that in previous cases...there was no evidence that transmission of the organism occurred between people."*

Wife Of Gay-Baiting Ex-Sen. Asks OK For Sacto TV Station

The wife of former Orange County state Sen. John V. Briggs owns a company applying to the Federal Communications Commission for the right to build a new television station in Sacramento using UHF Channel 29.

The FCC application lists Carmen Briggs as 100 percent owner of Ponce-Nicasio Broadcasting Inc. That company along with Ponce-Nicasio, Limited Partnership, is one of 12 applicants for the Channel 29 rights.

Briggs is a 69 percent owner of the limited partnership. Other partners include Dora Clapp, Edwina Auel (both 14 percent) and John Virga (3 percent). Briggs is also listed as director of the Foundation of Constitutional Education.

The Sacramento address for Ponce-Nicasio is the same as that of Briggs' husband's Capitol Consultants Inc.

John Briggs served in the state Assembly from 1967 to 1976 and in the Senate from 1976 until his midterm resignation in December 1981.

Briggs was described as "one of the more flamboyant, feisty and irascible members of the right wing in the

Legislature."

A lobbyist and investor in Sacramento, his business card lists his office telephone number as 44-CLOUT.

In 1977-78, Briggs launched a fevered campaign against gays and lesbians in California and sponsored Proposition 6 in 1978, which would have made it possible for local school boards to fire gay people because of their sexual orientation. The measure was defeated by the voters.*

Guess What? Mom Must Move; Court Denies Injunction

Mom... Guess What! has lost its bid for a temporary injunction that would have prevented the monthly publication's offices from being evicted from their 21st Street location.

Sacramento Superior Court Judge Lloyd A. Phillips made the ruling Feb. 16 without comment. The publication's office lease expires Feb. 28.

Publisher Linda Birner had asked for the injunction, contending that the building owner, Pacific International Merchandising Corp., was terminating the newspaper's lease because of discrimination.

"I have been meeting with my lawyers and we're trying to make a decision about what to do next," Birner told The Star.

In the meantime, Birner says that the paper will move its offices to 1400 S St., Suite 100B.*

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Women's History Week

By RICK VAN DYKE

Sacramento's newest cocktail lounge catering to the lesbian and gay community, **The Forum**, at 2840 Auburn Boulevard, was still called **Zorba's** when it opened Feb. 18. According to owners **Randa Wike** and **Carolyn Lisle**, the name will change soon, when the liquor license is changed. It's a classy place, with a dance floor surrounded by tables, and many of the employees are familiar faces from other local establishments.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays will show the film "Pink Triangles" at its monthly meeting Tuesday, Mar. 1. As usual, the meeting is at the Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi Ave., at 7 p.m. A discussion will follow the screening of the movie.

The **Sacramento Lesbian Photographers' Alliance** has scheduled a meeting for prospective new members on Wednesday, Mar. 9, at 8 p.m. Interested women photographers should bring examples of their work to help plan SLPA's Spring Salon. Call Remy Ceci at 441-1957 for the location and further information.

The **American Victorian Museum** in Nevada City is presenting a "lively evening of music, theatre, and entertainment galore" Friday, Feb. 25, at 8 p.m. **The Toons**, described as a "combination Five Satins, Four Freshmen, and Three Stooges," will headline the show. **The Pointless Sisters**, backed up by **The Sax Offenders**, will open with their vintage rock'n'roll and rhythm and blues. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Channel 3's 9-10 a.m. show "Finnerty & Co." will feature two gay-related programs in March. On Thursday, Mar. 3, **Dr. Sandy Pomerantz** will be a guest in a discussion of AIDS, and on Thursday, Mar. 24, the show will focus on gay adoption. If you'd like to get tickets to be in the audience for either show, call **Jan Young** at 325-3343. The audience is required to arrive no later than 8:15 the morning of the show.

The hot hit musical "Tintypes", a story of turn-of-the-century America, opens at the Eleanor McClatchy Performing Arts Center Friday, Mar. 4, and plays Friday and Saturday nights at 8 and Sunday afternoons at 2 through Mar. 27. Tickets are \$5.50 Fridays and Saturdays, \$4.50 on Sundays, and there's a \$1 discount for students and seniors with ID. Opening night is already sold out, according to EMPAC's marketing director **Miriam Gray**.

A training session for women interested in volunteering to work on the **Sacramento Rape Crisis Center** crisis line will begin Mar. 21. Volunteers respond not only to victims' immediate needs, but may also accompany them through medical exams, police investigations, and trial hearings. Women who can volunteer during the day, who are bilingual, and who have other special skills are especially needed, says **Shaila Rao**, who asks them to call her at 447-3223.

Jim Laidler, chef of Club 21's daily Southern-style lunches served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., should be pleased with the praise he received recently from **Maurice Read** in the Suttertown News. Read, former owner of what is now **Melarky's Place** on Broadway, reviews local restaurants in his "Plat du Jour" column. He called Laidler's cooking authentic, delicious, and inexpensive, and recommended that all his readers try it.

Popular womyn's musician **Ty Chanson** will be performing at the **Blue Mango**, 330 G St. in Davis, on Sunday, Feb. 27, from 9:30 p.m. till midnight. Other performers of note there soon are **Bob Jester** playing original ragtime on Saturday, Feb. 26, and **Ron Goldberg** playing acoustic guitar and singing on Thursday, Feb. 31.

An original musical play about a Sacramento speakeasy in the days just before the repeal of Prohibition will open at the **Old Eagle Theatre** in Old Sacramento on Friday, Mar. 4. "Speakeasy" is written and produced by **Dorothy O'Malia**, a 50-year resident of Sacramento, who once worked in such an establishment. The cast of 26 includes actors, dancers, singers, and a juggler. "Speakeasy" runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and the box office opens at 7:30. Tickets are \$5.75 general admission, \$4.75 for seniors and juniors. Call 446-6761 for more info.

The **Davis Gay Task Force** has just published a snazzy brochure describing the services they offer in cooperation with the **Lesbian Network** and the **UCD Gay Student Union**. They maintain an office in the CA House at 433 Russell Blvd., across from the UCD campus, and also have a 24-hour message phone, 753-2090. The office is open about 20 hours a week, and when it is, you can drop in and pick up a copy of *The Star*.

A wide variety of programs, exhibits, and activities is planned all over town in celebration of **Women's History Week**, Mar. 6-12. For information, try calling the Women's and Re-entry Center at Sacramento City College, 449-7534; Women's Resource Center at California State University, Sacramento, 454-7388; or the Sacramento Women's Center, 441-4207.

People interested in forming a **Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Democratic Club** are invited to an organizational meeting on Saturday, Mar. 5, at 3 p.m. in Room 427 of the State Capitol. **Gary Miller**, chair of the Sacramento County Democratic Central Committee, and **Harry Britt**, San Francisco County Supervisor, will be there to inspire the troops.

The **Stanislaus Gay Alliance** is sponsoring a dance and buffet Saturday night, Mar. 26, from 8 till 1:30 at the **Eagles Hall**, 126 Camellia Way, Modesto. According to **Michael Tamayo**, tickets are \$5 for non-members and \$3.50 for SGA members. For more information, their number is (209) 526-0413, or you can write for tickets before Mar. 17 to P.O. Box 5163, Modesto, CA 95352.*



Rick Van Dyke

Union Columnist Anderson Informs, Entertains RCBA

By JAMES K. GRAHAM

Peter Anderson, columnist for *The Sacramento Union*, was the guest speaker at the Feb. 10 general membership meeting of the River City Business Association.

Anderson was the first to state in the daily press that **Robbie Waters** could not have been elected sheriff without the efforts of the gay community. At the meeting, he offered some further thoughts about the press, the gay and lesbian community, and the relations between them.

"The Waters campaign," Anderson said, "showed what the community can do. It showed a lot of savvy and sophistication."

"It is absolutely clear in my mind that without the effort of the gay community, **Duane Lowe** would be Sheriff today."

However, he said, Waters needs the gay and lesbian community to remain aware of him and what he is doing in his new job. "You need to keep on him; keep him aware and open."

Anderson also urged the lesbian and gay community to continue efforts to educate and enlighten the news media about gay concerns and issues.

He told the group of about 40 members and guests that one of the things he enjoys about Sacramento is the diversity that can be found here.

But, he said, "you really have to care about the community to see the diversity—the sense of 'Vive la difference!'."

Anderson wound up his informative and entertaining talk shortly after 9 p.m. Like most of his audience, he confessed, he was eager to get home to watch "The Winds of War."*



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Wednesday, February 23

- * The STAR is published.
- * Sacramento KS/AIDS Foundation board meeting. Public welcome. Incredible Edible. 7 p.m.
- * Coupling and Sexuality Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Riviera Room, Food Services Bldg., CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Bob, 451-8992 for more info.
- * Man Two Man. Social. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755 for info.

Thursday, February 24

- * Volleyball for men and women. 6 p.m. Call Paul for information at 447-1065.
- * Women-Only Support Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Riviera Room, Food Services Bldg., CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Renee, 456-5932, or Chris, 457-1372, for more information.

Friday, February 25

- * Lesbian/Gay People's Union "Open Door" Potluck. This is a recruit-members gathering. 7:30 p.m. Call Herman, 381-8541, for place and details.
- * Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or 453-0791.

Sunday, February 27

- * Worship Service. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Church, 2741 34th Street. 454-4762. 11 a.m.
- * Dignity Home Mass and potluck. Call Bill at 927-1598 for details.
- * Sacramento Lesbian & Gay Mental Health Professionals. Board meeting 6 p.m. Attorney Greg Gorges speaks on ethics. Call 447-2282 for place.
- * GNIE Potluck. Films of Duke & Duchess Ball. Dragonlaire House. Call Charlie, 391-1362, or 739-8616 for info. 6 p.m.
- * Womyn's Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. Potluck afterwards. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.
- * Ty Chanson performs womyn's music. Blue Mango, 330 G St., Davis. 9:30 p.m.-midnight.

Monday, February 28

- * Coming Out Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call Bob, 451-8992 for more information.
- * River City Business Association Board of Directors meeting. Incredible Edible. 6 p.m.
- * Open Door Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Bob, 451-8992 for more information.
- * Women-Only Support Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Riviera Room,

Food Services Bldg., CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Renee, 456-5932, or Chris, 457-1372, for more information.

Tuesday, March 1

- * Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Film "Pink Triangles" and discussion. Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi. 1/29. 48255. 7 p.m.
- * GNIE. Incredible Edible. 7:30 p.m.
- * Feminist Spirit Study Group. The works of lesbian feminist theologian Mary Daly. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. Contact Betty, 453-0791.
- * Capital City Squares. The Parking Lot. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.

Wednesday, March 2

- * Deadline for The STAR.
- * Sacramento KS/AIDS Foundation board meeting. Public welcome. Incredible Edible. 7 p.m.
- * Coupling and Sexuality Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Riviera Room, Food Services Bldg., CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Bob, 451-8992 for more info.
- * Man Two Man social. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755 for info.

Thursday, March 3

- * "Finnerty & Co." presents a special show on AIDS with guests from the gay community. Channel 3, 9-10 a.m. For studio audience tickets, call Jan Young at 325-3343.
- * Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 6-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.

Friday, March 4

- * Lesbian/Gay People's Union "Alphabet" Potluck. Come and win a prize. 7:30 p.m. Call Herman, 381-8541, for place and details.
- * Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or 453-0791.
- * "Tintypes" opens at Eleanor McClatchy Performing Arts Center, 1419 H St. Plays Fri. & Sat. at 8 p.m., Sun. at 2 p.m. through Mar. 27. Tickets: Fri.-Sat. \$5.50, Sun. \$4.50, \$1 off for students & seniors. Call 441-6991 for reservations.
- * "Speakeasy" opens at Old Eagle Theatre, Old Sacramento. Plays Fri. & Sat. at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$5.75 general, \$4.75 juniors & seniors. Call 446-6761 for information.

Saturday, March 5

- * River City Ruggers (Sacramento Women's Rugby Club) play San Francisco at San Francisco. Polo Field, Golden Gate Park. 1 p.m.
- * Sacramento Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club organizing meeting with Gary Miller and Harry Britt. Room 427, State Capitol. 3 p.m.

* Our River City Family Potluck. Dragonlaire House. 7 p.m. Call Charlie or Victor, 391-1362, for information.

Sunday, March 6

- * Women's History Week.
- * Worship Service. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Church, 2741 34th Street. 454-4762. 11 a.m.
- * Womyn's Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. Potluck afterwards. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.
- * LGPU Executive Board meeting. Call Herman at 381-8541 for more information. 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 7

- * Women's History Week.
- * GNIE Bingo. Mercantile Saloon. 8 p.m.
- * Coming Out Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call Bob, 451-8992 for more information.
- * Open Door Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Bob, 451-8992 for more information.
- * ORCF Family Council meeting. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information. 7:30 p.m.
- * Man Two Man Movies at Home. Call 391-9755 for time and place.
- * Woman Two Woman. Introductory social meeting. For information call 391-9755.

Tuesday, March 8

- * Women's History Week.
- * Advocates for Lesbian and Gay State Employees. Incredible Edible. 6 p.m.
- * Capital City Squares. The Parking Lot. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.
- * Feminist Spirit Study Group. The works of lesbian feminist theologian Mary Daly. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. Contact Betty, 453-0791.
- * Sacramento Gay Youth organization. Call Victor, 391-1362, for information.

Wednesday, March 9

- * Women's History Week.
- * The STAR is published.
- * Sacramento KS/AIDS Foundation board meeting. Public welcome. Incredible Edible. 7 p.m.
- * Sacramento Men's Collective open rap. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 441-1959 for information.
- * Coupling and Sexuality Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Riviera Room, Food Services Bldg., CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Bob, 451-8992 for more info.
- * Man Two Man social. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755.
- * Sacramento Lesbian Photographers' Alliance meeting. Planning Spring Salon; new members invited. Call Remy Ceci at 441-1957 for more information. 8 p.m.

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Thursday, March 10

- * Women's History Week.
- * Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 6-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.
- * Women-Only Support Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Riviera Room, Food Services Bldg., CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Renee, 456-5932, or Chris, 457-1372, for more information.
- * RCBA General Membership meeting. Incredible Edible. 8 p.m. Call 422-6541 for info.

Friday, March 11

- * Women's History Week.
- * Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or 453-0791.

Saturday, March 12

- * Women's History Week.
- * River City Ruggers (Sacramento Women's Rugby Club) play UC Berkeley at Sacramento. Miller Park. 11 a.m.
- * SDA Kinship potluck. 455-8940 for info.

Sunday, March 13

- * Dignity Mass/meeting. St. Francis Church. 3 p.m. 739-8353 for info.

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